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## A Brief Description of the Windermere District and the Resources of The Columbia River Valley

### Communicated:

It is only within the last few years that the potentialities of this beautiful and fertile valley have become known. Since then its development has been marked.

Miners and prospectors, attracted by its mineral wealth, have spread their knowledge of the fertility of its soil and admirable climate, resulting in a steady growth of population.

### SITUATION.

The Windermere district is situated at the head waters of the great Columbia river, about 80 miles south of Golden, an important station on the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Columbia has its origin in two lakes, known as the Upper Columbia and Lower Columbia, and it is from the presence of these lakes, and the magnificent mountain scenery that surrounds them and their similarity to those in the famous district in England that this was christened the Windermere district.

The lower lake is a beautiful sheet of water, about 17 miles in length by a mile in width, and forms a particularly attractive feature of the valley. Its placid waters for boating and canoeing, its gently sloping shores, dotted with firs and clumps of spruce and poplar, looking, for all the world, like a well-kept ancestral park, renders it an ideal summer resort.

### ACCESSIBILITY.

The Columbia river flows from its source as a broad, placid stream, and the steamer Ptarmigan, comfortably fitted with dining and staterooms, plies bi-weekly during the summer and till the river freezes in the fall, from Golden to Windermere, a distance of about 100, leaving Golden on Tuesdays and Fridays and returning Wednesdays and Sundays.

The trip up the river is a never-to-be-forgotten one, replete as it is with the most wonderful mountain and forest scenery that imagination can depict, ever changing and ever varying for the full 100 miles, until it ends in the grand climax as towards the close of the day the Ptarmigan softly glides, amidst the fast gathering shadows, into the blue waters of Windermere lake.

An excellent government wagon road extends from Golden to Windermere and from there to Fort Steele. A mail and passenger stage runs all the year round, leaving Golden Sundays a.m. and arriving at Wilmer and Windermere on Monday night, returning Thursday and arriving Friday. Another stage plys between Wilmer and Cranbrook on the Crows Nest Pass Railway.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

After leaving Golden and for the first 50 miles the valley is comparatively narrow, but on the bench-land immediately adjoining the river comfortable farm houses and barns hewn of logs are to be

seen dotted along the river banks, giving a warm and home-like aspect to the scene. Behind, to the east, tower the jagged snow-capped Rocky mountains; whilst on the west the fascinating Selkirks, with their hidden treasures of gold and silver and copper and lead, stand boldly out as if tempting exploration by the venturesome that would seek wealth quickly.

Some 60 miles south or at Sinclair postoffice the valley assumes wider proportions, the foot-hills on the Selkirk side receding in the form of a bay, and leaving an undulated bench-land country some five or six miles deep, and extending up the valley for some 30 miles. This bench-land is from 200 to 300 feet higher than the bottom lands of the Columbia river and keeps on gently rising to the west until it gradually merges into the foot-hills.

The bench-land is lightly timbered forming a fine open and park-like country, with numerous small lakes fed from springs and streams from the mountains. Most of this land is suitable for agricultural purposes or for grazing, where it is badly broken by ravines.

### RESOURCES.

Generally speaking there are three prospective sources of wealth in this fair valley, viz.:—its agriculture, its mines and its forests, all of which are as yet in the initial stage.

### Agriculture.

Cereals—the valley generally is well suited for the raising of all grain crops, and heavy yields are obtained where the soil is well cultivated and irrigated. All cultivated land has to be irrigated more or less. Settlers so far have put in and own their irrigation ditches, obtaining the water either from the numerous small lakes or from the various mountain creeks. No doubt that as soon as the population justifies it, a more general and comprehensive scheme will be carried out by taking sufficient water from one of the various mountain rivers, carrying it along the base of the foot-hills so as to irrigate all the bench-land lying between there and the Columbia river.

### Cattle.

The climate being mild and the ranges covered with a luxuriant growth of grass, cattle do very well and produce the best of beef. The snow-fall being light the cattle are able to winter out, but have to be looked after in cold spells to prevent loss. Cows and calves, of course, ought to be well looked after, and a limited amount of feed is put up by each careful rancher to provide against emergencies. Cattle ranching is at present a most profitable and flourishing industry.

### Vegetables.

Vegetables of all kinds grow in great luxuriance, and on account of the earlier spring they come into season from a week to two weeks ahead of the prairie.

### Small Fruits.

Such small fruits as strawberries, raspberries, currants and gooseberries are native, being found in quantities growing wild in the hills and bench-lands, and naturally the cultivated garden varieties do uncommonly well, yielding fine crops of big luscious berries.

### Apples.

Within the last few years a number of the more progressive settlers have tried apple trees and many of these coming into crop last year have yielded so abundantly that many hundreds of trees will be planted next spring. Several orchards are now under way on a large scale, and judging from the excellence of the fruit so far produced in the valley this most attractive industry promises to be a great and profitable business in the valley in the near future.

Speaking of apple culture Mr. S. Brewer, of Fairmont Hot Springs, near the Upper Columbia lake, who is the pioneer settler of the valley, said:

"In another few years we will see every available patch of ground planted in orchards, and I believe fruit will be produced here in large quantities, and the market is at hand. I have grown fruit in this valley for about 12 years and have never had a failure. So I think that 12 successful crops of apples justifies me saying that this is a good fruit country."

### MINERAL WEALTH.

Numerous mineral claims back of the

bench lands have been located in the Selkirks, on excellent outcrops, principally of lead and copper ores, carrying gold and silver. Within the last few years this has developed into a permanent and important industry. Several mines have been opened up and brought into the producing stage amongst which might be mentioned the Paradise, with over a mile of underground workings; the Ptarmigan, with a similar amount and equipped with a tramway and compressor; the Delphine, with its high grade ore, and a number of others such as the B. C., the Tecumseh, the Charlemont, the Bunyan and the Lead Queen, which have made shipments to the smelters. Excellent wagon roads have recently been built connecting the various mines with the landing at Wilmer on the Columbia river, and at present the ore is shipped from this point to the smelters in West Kootenay. Not only do these mines when working full forces employ a large number of men in the aggregate, but they also create a good local market for farm produce.

### TIMBER WEALTH.

Along the various creeks that drain the Selkirks and are tributary to the Columbia, such for instance as No. 2 and 3, Horse Thief, Toby and Dutch, there are many millions of feet of timber suitable for the making into lumber and the like. Attention has recently been paid

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## BASE BALL

### The Papas Show the Boys How They Should Play Ball

On Monday afternoon the much-talked of base ball match between the married and single men of Wilmer was played. The result was—well, the "Dads" have asked The Outcrop to deal kindly with "youngsters" and let them down easy; therefore, a description of the game will be withheld, the score sufficing. But it was a good game and enjoyed by all. The boys ran a bunch of new rules up against the "old codgers", yet some how their old love for the sport would not down and the "kids" found themselves fanning frequently at the air, and when they did get a "smash" at the ball some old grizzley chap happened to be just where he was least expected to gather it in—perhaps, not in the latest or most improved style, yet the ball got into their, hats, pockets or hands some way. Oh! what fun those "old boys" had and how they did "whoop'er-up". True, some of the old fellows are moving about most cautiously since and can scarce speak above a whisper, but they can all smile, even though they may hold hard their sides or a big piece of court-plaster. Rev. Mr. Frazer made a capital referee and both side cheered him lustily when the game ended. Mrs. Alton scored for the married men and Miss Ford for the single men. Another game is proposed in the very near future, when more fun is certain, and the papas are talking of letting the boys have a little encouragement. The score was as follows:

#### BENEDICTS:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
T. Alton.....	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3
G. Rehder.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
W. Harrison.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
G. Chamberlain.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
W. P. Evans.....	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	
E. J. Scovil.....	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	
W. Chamberlain.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
W. C. Bennett.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
R. A. Power.....	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	
Total.....	5	2	5	1	3	0	2	18

#### BACHELORS:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
F. C. Stockdale.....	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
J. Hurst.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
R. Elliot.....	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
R. Gallop.....	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
F. L. Snook.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
H. McDonald.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Williamson.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. Evans.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. Wells.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total.....	1	0	4	2	1	3	3	14

**Snags.**—Again the season is at hand when the big crop of snags that are so much dread by steamboat men in the Columbia river are to be contended with. Each year the number increases and while the Dominion Government annually provides liberal appropriations for the

improvement of the river, yet, strange to say, these snags are not removed. Last fall the S. S. Parmigan ran on one of these dangerous snags and broke a hole in her side, causing her considerable expense and delay. Now is the time to remove these snags and it is to be hoped no time will be lost in starting the work this season.

Capt. H. T. Munn writes The Outcrop from Brandon, Man.: "I have bought a very handsome active Clyde 4 year-old stallion by 'Auldmuir' imported (4230), he by Macgregor (1487), dam imported 'Leila'. His name is 'Prince Albert'. He is a fine animal. I saw a 6-months' foal of his weight, 850 lbs. I am also negotiating for and hope to get a 6-year-old Percheron stallion by 'Laina'. A very smart, nimble horse weighing 1625 lbs." These thorough-bred animals will prove a good acquisition to the valley and the Captain's enterprise in this direction is worthy of commendation.

**Notice.**—The postponed Annual Meeting of the Windermere Rifle Association will be held in the Windermere Hotel on Thursday evening, the 30th inst., at 8 o'clock.

**Notice.**—A meeting of the Wilmer Rifle Association will be held in the School House, on Saturday evening, March 25th, at 7:30 o'clock, to elect officers and transact other business.—CAPT. R. ELLIOT.

### Brief Description

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to this district and to this industry, with the result that there are now two saw mills and several logging camps in operation. The settler can thus obtain all that he requires for building, locally, and further these camps also furnish an additional market for farm produce.

#### CLIMATE.

The climate is mild and dry. There are occasional cold snaps during the winter, but they are promptly followed by the warm chinook wind. Snow in the valley never exceeds a few inches in depth.

Capt. H. T. Munn, of Wilmer, will stand This Season the

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## PROGRESS OF AGRICULTURE

Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Agriculture, gave some interesting facts about the development of several important branches of agriculture in British Columbia during the past few years, while addressing the Central Farmers' Institution recently. If the progress made had not been reduced to an actual statistical basis, few persons would be inclined to accept it as real. Since 1901, when the last decennial census was taken, 6000 acres of land had been set out in fruit, making a total area of 18,540 acres of orchards in the Province. So that in three years the whole previous record of development had been about equalled. Taking \$150 per acre as the average output of a well kept orchard in British Columbia, being one-half of what some commercial orchards are now actually producing, the capabilities of our present orchards are over \$2,000,000 per annum—an important industry, as yet only in its infancy. At the present rate of increase we shall have, in ten years, an output of \$6,000,000 worth of fruit. Some are sanguine enough to say it will be \$10,000,000.

In dairying, an even greater rate of development has taken place. The output of our creameries in 1904 was 1,210,000 lbs., representing a value to the producer of \$302,500. Seven years ago the output of creameries was practically nil. In ten years from now, the value of the output will, at the annual rate of increase, represent \$1,000,000. With prospective developments, as the result of railway construction, it may reasonably be expected to reach \$2,000,000.

We are told, and we believe the statement is founded on authentic returns, that the agricultural products, of all kinds, marketed in 1904 aggregated a value of \$10,000,000, says the Victoria Colonist. Considering the results in mining, timber and fishery industries, agriculture, insignificant as it may be considered to be, takes a place of importance not to be despised. Whatever our anticipations may be respecting the other great resources we possess, it will be found that the total of our farming products before many years will represent at least half of all other products put together; and it will represent profits and benefits to the community in a far greater degree. When the element of speculation shall have been wholly eliminated and the Province has steadied down to actual production for financial results, we shall have learned not to despise the day of small things and to trust more to the steady accretions of our cultivated acres than to all other sources.

Divine service is held every Sunday evening in St. Peter's Church, Windermere, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**More of Aridity.**  
The orange, tawny waste of the range country, so desolate to the uninitiated, is being converted to a blessing by the art of man. It is not less true in agriculture than in other industrial pursuits that progress is measured by the skill of man in controlling and manipulating the forces and resources of nature rather than in his contenting himself with nature's gifts. The conservation of the available water supply of a country should be a national care. Already in the semi-arid west it is being utilized by individuals and corporations to force the yield of the soil away beyond its productive power under natural rainfall. Instead of passing by the dry lands at a glance, the settler is taking them in hand, and is so far from murmuring that he fails rather of the blessing of aridity. What does aridity mean? Absolute constant sunshine, and so the quick maturing of crops. It also means the absence of destructive tornadoes that belong to humid areas. It means the conservation of soil fertility by the absence of floods that wash away the best part of the soil, and, with its necessary adjunct of artificial watering or irrigation, it means enough of water at the right time and not too much at any time. This is why the settler speaks of the blessings of aridity, and this is why the prairie country of Canada, humid and dry together, is called the better half of our Dominion.—D. McCaig, Lethbridge, in The Globe.

### Lady Dundonald.

Lady Dundonald, says M. A. P., was Miss Winifred Heaketh, daughter and heiress of the late Robert Heaketh, a rich Welshman, and owner of Gwrych Castle, Betsingh, Wales. In appearance, Lady Dundonald is a tall, fine, handsome woman, with dark hair and a fresh-colored complexion. She has never posed as either a wit or a beauty, but she is an excellent wife and mother, and does some pleasant entertaining at her big house in Portman Square. She has two sons, and three beautiful daughters. The eldest girl, Lady Grisel, is soon to be a bride, and the Ladies Jean and Marjorie Cochrane are the charming children, in what may be termed the chrysalis stage. Lord Dundonald—now in Canada—has soldierly qualities that are known to all the world. But he is also a useful mechanic and a born inventor. He has designed a new gun carriage, invented a clever little instrument for warming the hand, called an instrad, and is said to have thought out a plan for giving a supply of pure water to soldiers on the march. Lord Dundonald is known to have an unbounded admiration for Napoleon, his mind and character.

### Sounds.

The whistle of a locomotive is heard 3,300 yards through the air, the noise of a railway train 2,800 yards, the report of a musket 1,800 yards, an orchestra or the roll of a drum 1,000 yards and the human voice reaches to a distance of 1,000 yards. Distinct speaking is heard in the air from below to a distance of 600 yards; from above it is only understood to have a range of 100 yards downward.

### Cheaper to Move.

"I am told the Stimlers have but \$3,000 a year."  
"What are they going to do with it?"  
"Going abroad."  
"Why?"  
"They can't afford to stay at home and keep up with their set."

### Stupid Man!

Mrs. Ascum—But why didn't you buy the material if you liked it? Mrs. Nurich—The salesman said it was domestic dress goods. Mrs. Ascum—Well? Mrs. Nurich—You don't suppose I'd wear anything meant for domestic, do you?



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## GOLDEN NUGGETS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Golden, B.C., March 18. —

Henry A. Press appeared before His Honor J. A. Forin on Thursday last charged with an assault, causing actual bodily harm to one Wm. Harris. A. M. Pinkham, acting for the Crown, examined several witnesses for the purpose of proving the assault and that Harris as a result of the injuries was in the hospital at Banff for 15 days. Thos. O'Brien appeared on behalf of the prisoner, taking as a defence the fact that accused was intoxicated and being compelled to work in the fire box of a locomotive just prior to the assault, the excessive heat caused a temporary derangement. His Honor discharged the prisoner stating he was of the opinion he did not know what he was doing at the time of the assault.

Hugh Cameron, charged with the theft of a gold watch and chain elected for speedy trial. He was convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment in New Westminster Penitentiary. Thos. O'Brien prosecuted on behalf of the Crown.

F. W. Jones, secretary Columbia River Lumber Co., is expected in Golden on Friday next.

Hon. F. W. Aylmer arrived on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ullock entertained a number of friends in the Columbia Hall on Friday evening at progressive euchre, in honor of their guest Mrs. F. C. Whiting, of Armstrong, B. C. The hall was prettily decorated and a delightful time was had.

Constable Ashton left Saturday for New Westminster having in charge H. Cameron, who was sentenced to two years imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Fowler left for their home in Nelson today (Saturday).

D. Kimpton of Windermere is in town.

Capt. Munn and J. Watson are expected in town about the 23rd and will leave shortly for Wilmer.

### Worth Remembering

"After close questioning Sir Thomas admitted that the Windermere district would be opened next year by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company building a line from near Fort Steele, on the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, to Golden on the mainline, running the full length of this fertile valley.

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I wish I'd been when  
My paw was a boy;  
They must have been excitement there,  
When my paw was a boy!  
In school he always took the prize,  
He used to lick boys twice his size—  
I bet folks all had bulgin' eyes,  
When my paw was a boy.

They was a lot of wonders done  
When my paw was a boy.  
How Grandpa must have loved his son,  
When my paw was a boy;  
He'd get the coal and chop the wood  
And think up every thing he could  
To always be just as sweet and good—  
When my paw was a boy.

Then everything was in its place,  
When my paw was a boy;  
How he could ramble, jump and race,  
When my paw was a boy!  
He never, never disobeyed;  
He beat in every game he played—  
Gee! what a record they was made,  
When my paw was a boy!

I wish I'd been here when  
My paw was a boy;  
They'd never be his like again—  
Paw was a model boy.  
But still last night I heard my paw  
Raise up her voice and call my paw  
The worst fool that she ever saw—  
He ought to have stayed a boy.

Teacher—Write a sentence containing  
the words "bitter end".  
Boy—The dog and cat fought, the cat  
ran under the table and the dog bitter  
end.

## Canadian Pacific Railway

Trains pass Golden:  
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## CELESTIAL REFRESHMENTS

Funny Little Restaurants in the Chinese Empire.

Places of rest and refreshment are commonly to be found in China at the halting stations on the highways in the interior or at the villages on the banks of the great rivers of China. They frequently take the form of a small mud hut, having a dark interior filled with smoke, tea tables, forms and an oven, where a cook is kept busy baking tea bread and frying puddings for the entertainment of the customers, whose favorite beverage is tea, although when times are good and the weather cold they indulge in something stronger, which often inebriates and that at a very cheap rate. In the darkest corner there are a row of glazed earthenware jars containing a kind of Chinese whisky, of which a thirsty carter may have a skin full for something considerably under a penny, when he will go quietly to sleep on the shaft of his cart, and his pony or mule, belag used to it, will take him home.

In addition to these conveniences there is an ingenious little furnace in front, having a long flue, through which the flame is driven by an air pump, and a row of hot water kettles, gradually increasing in size to suit the heat of the tongue of flame that passes up the flue beneath, so that they may all be kept boiling. The hot water is sold to passersby, who usually carry with them their teapot and tea, so that they may have a cup at every station. This custom of carrying one's own tea is so common that it is difficult to procure a cup of tea in any of the restaurants, as they do not keep it and do not care to go out of their way to buy it for you. Although the plant may be growing all round and at one's very feet, it is next to impossible to get a cup that a foreigner would consider worth drinking and as to using milk and sugar, the Chinese look upon the practice as a barbarous device of the "foreign devil."

## ANIMAL ODDITIES.

The fercest of all animals is the black panther.

The lion is the only wild animal that is capable of affection.

Statistics show that serpents kill more persons in India than in any other country.

Most reptiles are notoriously deaf, except caymans and crocodiles. The bee seems absolutely so.

The sense of smell in the snail has been found to be limited, as a rule, to a distance of about an inch.

The West Indian crab is a remarkable creature. Although born in the sea, it matures in fresh water and passes its adult life on land.

Shepherds allow their collies one meal a day, and on this allowance health and efficiency are secured. Ladies who are "good" to their pet dogs are rewarded by seeing their pets sinking rapidly into decrepitude.

### A One Sided Celebration.

Uncle Eph'm had put on a clean collar and his best coat and was walking majestically up and down the street.

"Aren't you working today, uncle?" asked one of his Caucasian acquaintances.

"No, sub. I's celebratin' my golden weddin', sub."

"You were married fifty years ago today?"

"Yes, sub."

"Well, why isn't your wife helping you to celebrate it?"

"My present wife, sub," replied Uncle Eph'm, with dignity, "ain't got nothin' to do with it. She's do 'lev-enth."

## Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Land Department for British Columbia.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company owns large areas of choice Agricultural Lands in the Kootenay and Boundary Districts of British Columbia, which are offered for sale at from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per acre, on easy terms of payment.

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Mine	Tons
Paradise.....	1,998.2
• " In transit.....	60
Delphine.....	162.5
• " In transit.....	80
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• " in transit.....	
*Swansea.....	2
White Cat.....	1
Silver Belt.....	14
M. T. Fraction.....	34
Pangyan.....	16
Pretty Girl.....	6
Tecumseh.....	31½
*Estimated.	

### Bridge Whist Party.

Last Thursday evening the Wilmer Bachelors Whist Club entertained the members of the Wilmer Ladies' Whist Club at an "At-Home" in Hotel Delphine parlors. An enjoyable evening was spent according to the ladies, or to quote them they had "just a lovely time." The following scores resulted:

Mrs. Ford.....	590
Mrs. G. A. Starke.....	274
Mrs. R. A. Power.....	36
Mrs. Snook.....	76
Mrs. G. Chamberlain.....	97
Mrs. W. P. Evans.....	308
R. A. Power.....	488
Dr. R. Elliot.....	476
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F. C. Stockdale.....	140
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R. A. Power, the Wilmer telegraph operator, received word Tuesday of the serious illness of his mother and started yesterday for Golden en route to his home in Wisconsin.

Ore hauling continues from the Delphine mine on the North Fork of Toby creek. It is being hauled from the mine to the 18 mile post at present, and latter will be brought down in wagons to the river landing, where many tons are now piled in the Paradise ore sheds.

Fine weather continues.

H. E. Forster visited Wilmer yesterday after an absence of several months.

W. Jafferys returned to Wilmer on Monday, having spent the winter at his home in Toronto.

The appropriation of \$5,000 per mile, as outlined, in caucus, by the Provincial Government, to assist in the construction of the Kootenay Central is not excessive.—Fort Steele Prospector.

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